

REMARKS

The Office Action dated July 6, 2006 has been reviewed and the Examiner's comments carefully considered. Prior to this paper claim 1-20 were pending in the application. By this paper, Applicant does not cancel or add any claims. Therefore, claims 1-20 are now pending.

Applicant respectfully submits that the present application is in condition for allowance for at least the reasons that follow.

Indication of Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant thanks Examiner Broadhead for allowing claims 1-4, 13-15 and 20, and for indicating that claims 5-12, 16, 17, 18 and 19 contain allowable subject matter.

Claim Objections

In the Office Action, claims 1-20 were objected to. As seen above, Applicant has amended many of these claims, without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to advance prosecution, and requests reconsideration in view of these amendments.

Applicant thanks Examiner Broadhead for suggesting changes to the claims that would remove these objections.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 5-12, 16, 17, 18 and 19 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. As seen above, all of these claims have been amended, without prejudice or disclaimer, in order to advance prosecution, and Applicant requests reconsideration in view of the above amendments.

Conclusion

Applicant believes that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check or credit card payment form being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 19-0741. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicant hereby petitions for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorizes payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

Examiner Broadhead is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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